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SUBJECT: BOTSWANA DELEGATION TO UN CONFERENCE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS
(HABITAT)

REF: STATE 126502

1. BOTSWANA DELEGATION TO HABITAT WILL BE THE HON. LENYELESE M. SERETSE, M.P., ASSISTANT MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND LANDS AND BENJAMIN G. MAKOBOLLE, PERMANENT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND LANDS.

2. SERETSE IS 56 YEARS OLD AND WAS A CIVIL SERVANT FOR MANY YEARS PRIOR TO HIS RESIGNATION IN 1974 TO RUN FOR PARLIAMENT. HE VISITED THE U.S. IN LATE 1973 AS A LEADER GRANTEE. SERETSE IS A COUSIN OF BOTSWANA'S PRESIDENT, SIR SERETSE KHAMA. HE IS A TRUSTED MEMBER OF THE INNER CIRCLE AND PROBABLY ONE OF THE MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE TOP OFFICIALS ON GRASS-ROOT PROBLEMS.

3. MAKOBOLLE, 33, ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF BOTSWANA, LESOTHO AND SWAZILAND AND OXFORD UNIVERSITY. HE SERVED AS A DISTRICT COMMISSIONER PRIOR TO ASSUMING HIS PRESENT POST IN SEPTEMBER 1973. HE TRAVELLED TO THE U.S. IN EARLY 1974 AS AN IV GRANTEE WITH EMPHASIS ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

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BOTH HE AND SERETSE SPEAK EXCELLENT ENGLISH AND ARE QUITE

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